GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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MEDICINES FOR AIDS AND CANCER
BASUDEB ACHARIA

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that many private agencies claiming to have invented medicines for the dreaded diseases like AIDS and Cancer are selling their products in the market;

(b) if so, the number of such companies operating in the country;

(c) whether any test has been done by the Government to prove its authenticity;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government propose to ban these drugs till their authenticity is proved; and

(f) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (f) : There have been some reports of private agencies providing treatment of AIDS and Cancer. In one case of Shri T.A. Majeed of M/s Fair Pharnam Ernakulam, Drugs Controller, Kerala issued a show cause notice to the manufacturer and withdrew the permission of the product. The order was challenged but Hon`ble High Court of Kerala has upheld the order of Drugs Controller and Licensing Authority, Kerala.

States have been requested to remain vigilant towards such cases and take necessary action immediately.